

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Nipper on 6/3/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 11-19 are cancelled.

Drawings

2. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings are hand drawn drafts and the details may be confusing. For example, in Fig. 1 the element (13) could be confused as (B), and in Figs. 5 and 6, the structural relationships of the hem and adhesive layer are unclear. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Upon a careful review, the examiner agrees with applicant's arguments at Remarks pages 2-3 that the DeMoore at least fails to teach "a lengthwise strip of fabric (68) having a rectangular structure (as shown in figure-4) area and as shown in figure-1...". Further, since the claim language is clear, the 112, 2nd paragraph is withdrawn. Further search also fails to produce prior art combination reading on the features of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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